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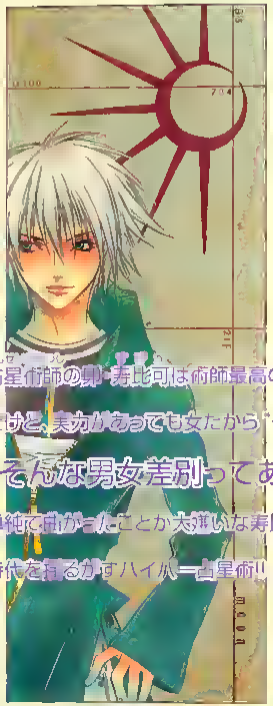

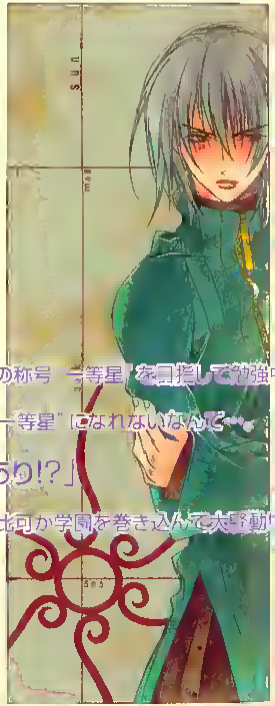

占星術師の卵・寿比可は術師最高の称号「一等星」を目指して勉強中

だけど、実力があっても女だから「一等星」になれないなんて…

「そんな男女差別ってあり!?」

単純で明るいことか大嫌いな寿比可か学園を巻き込んで大騒動!

時代を揺るがすハイパー占星術!!

■ PROFILE ■

ONODERA AKIRA

BORN
The end of one summer in the late 70s.

BIRTHPLACE
Eastern Japan

BLOOD TYPE
A

FAVORITE THING
Japanese culture, among other things.

LEAST FAVORITE THING
I don't like speaking in front of an audience...

Rokutousei Supika

Chapter 1

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Editor's Note

There are two things in this manga named Supika. The heroine, Supika Gotou, and the star she uses. Because the star's name is written in katakana, we've shortened it to Spica to avoid confusion. The similarities between the two names is probably something the mangaka intended.

Sixth Star Supika

Chapter 1

SHA
MY TEST RESULT ONLY GIVES ME THE RANK OF THIRD STAR!
Practical 3
Written 3
First year stude
Supth
Got
Third Star
Congratulat ons! You passed!
KE
ARE YOU BLIND OR SOME-THING!?
Princi-pal!!
ST
ONP
THAT'S SEXISM, ISN'T IT!?
GIRLS CAN ONLY GO AS FAR AS THIRD STAR.
PLEASE CALM DOWN, MISS GOTOU ALTHOUGH THERE ARE RANKS FIRST TO SIXTH,
NO MATTER, IT'S A SCHOOL RULE!

TEA-CHERS, PLEASE STOP HER!
H... HEY! DON'T USE YOUR ASTROLOGY HERE!
BAM

WHEW!
GET OUT OF HERE!
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THE PRIN-CIPAL GOT HURT!?
STOP IT!
BANG
DAMMIT, LET ME GO!!

ARGH! They're driving me nuts!
Principal

raise
"RULES, RULES ..."
DON'T YOU KNOW MY ABILITY, PRINCIPAL?

GL~
OW
IF YOU SEE MY "ASTROLOGY" YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR MIND!

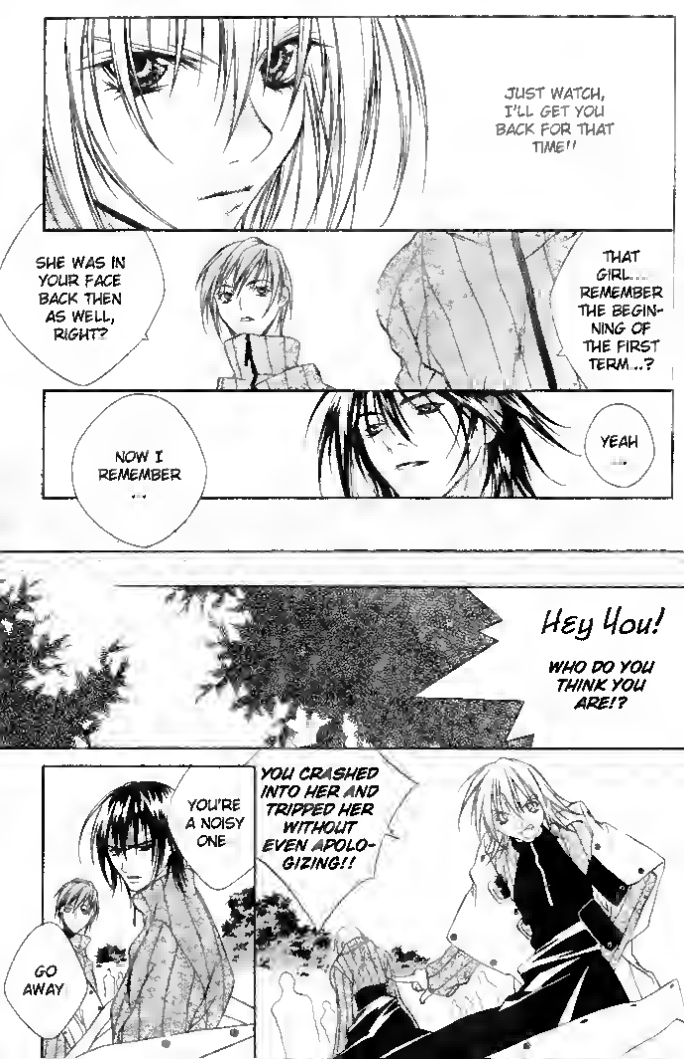
LUNCH BREAK'LL BE OVER SOON.
OH..
GEEZ, PRINCIPAL!!
Wall
I'M DONE PRACTICING!
crash
clang
crack
PLOP
IS IT ABOUT THAT AGAIN?
you brought tons.
WHAT'S WRONG, SUPIKA?
YUP, THAT BALDY WON'T LISTEN TO ME!!
YOU GO TELL HIM, IORI!!
DON'T EAT SO QUICKLY YOU WON'T GET ANY SYMPATHY FROM ME IF YOU GET FAT

AH! LET'S USE "ASTRONOMY"...
TO SEE IF I GET FAT OR NOT!
I SEE
Sigh
THAT'S OKAY, I NEVER GAIN WEIGHT. ♡
NOPE WE CAN'T USE "ASTROLOGY" OR "ASTRONOMY" FOR SUCH NONSENSE THINGS.
STINGY.
"Nonsense things"?
Besides, Astronomy is hard!
It's very important for a girl!
BUT ENOUGH ABOUT THAT. JUST PLEASE DON'T STORM IN AND FIGHT THE PRINCIPAL!
SNAP
YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN WARNED, WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF YOU GET A BAD GRADE!?

BUT ..
EVEN IF I GRADUATE FROM HERE AND GET AN ASTROLOGER'S LICENSE, A THIRD STAR HAS FEWER JOB OPPORTUNITIES...
Astro-nomer
Astro-loger
I'D LIKE TO HELP PEOPLE WITH MY SKILLS
AND..
LUNCH BREAK'S OVER, I'M OFF TO CLASS
OH, OKAY ...
Dong
Dong

Ah!
WHO'S THAT GIRL!?
THIRD YEAR, SEIICHI AMANO!!
GLARE
HSZZ
HSZZ
HSZZ
SHE'S STARTING A FIGHT WITH AMANO!

SHE'S A FIRST YEAR.
HEY, WHAT'RE YOU DOING!!
JUST IGNORE
THAT GIRL.
DAMMIT, QUIT FOOLING AROUND!
HE'S ALWAYS LOOKING DOWN ON WOMEN!!

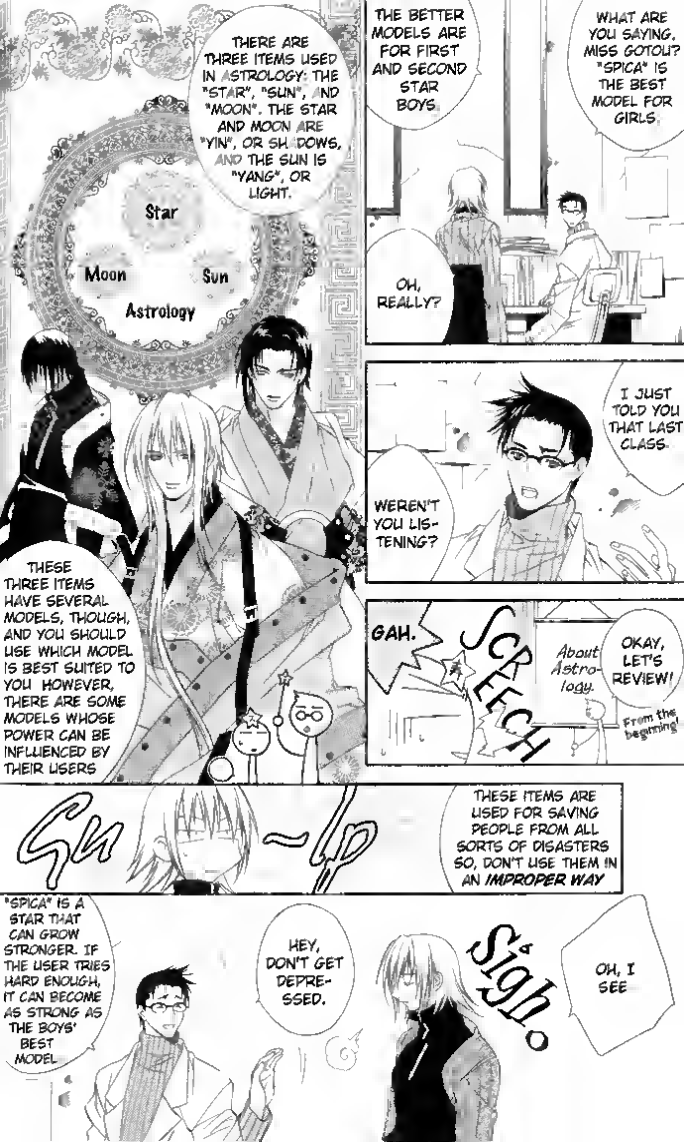

JUST WATCH, I'LL GET YOU BACK FOR THAT TIME!!
SHE WAS IN YOUR FACE BACK THEN AS WELL, RIGHT?
THAT GIRL... REMEMBER THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST TERM..?
NOW I REMEMBER ...
YEAH ...
Hey You!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!?
YOU'RE A NOISY ONE
GO AWAY
YOU CRASHED INTO HER AND TRIPPED HER WITHOUT EVEN APOLOGIZING!!

THE ITEM SHE'S USING IS "THE STAR".
flip
G!-
OW
WHAT'D YOU SAY!?
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
RU
STLE
THIS MODEL IS VIRGO'S BIRTH STAR...
"SPICA."

SPICA ..?
IT'S COMING!
WHA..
What's that!?
CRACK CRACK CRACK

HOW WEAK.
!!
...!!
HMPH.

I'M IORI DATE, FIRST YEAR ASTRONOMY STUDENT. AND YOU ARE...?
SORRY, BUT THANKS!
GOD DAMMIT!!
GIIII
I'M SUPIKA GOTOU, FIRST YEAR ASTROLOGY STUDENT...
ARE YOU OKAY?
peep
SURE, I WAS LOOKING FOR A PARTNER TOO!
REALLY? HOORAY! ♬
CAN I BE YOUR PARTNER?
OH, YOU'RE AN ASTRONOMY STUDENT...? I DON'T HAVE A PARTNER YET...
STAFF
FLAP FLAP
I'LL GET HIM BACK FOR THIS!
OUT FOR REVENGE.
WE'LL UNITE OUR STRENGTH TO DEFEAT THAT GUY SOMEDAY!!
YES, LET'S!
GL!
NT
SUPIKA
CRACK


THERE ARE THREE ITEMS USED IN ASTROLOGY: THE "STAR", "SUN", AND "MOON". THE STAR AND MOON ARE "YIN", OR SHADOWS, AND THE SUN IS "YANG", OR LIGHT.
Star
Moon
Sun
Astrology
THESE THREE ITEMS HAVE SEVERAL MODELS, THOUGH, AND YOU SHOULD USE WHICH MODEL IS BEST SUITED TO YOU. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME MODELS WHOSE POWER CAN BE INFLUENCED BY THEIR USERS
THE BETTER MODELS ARE FOR FIRST AND SECOND STAR BOYS.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MISS GOTOU? "SPICA" IS THE BEST MODEL FOR GIRLS.
OH, REALLY?
I JUST TOLD YOU THAT LAST CLASS.
WEREN'T YOU LISTENING?
GAH.
SCREECH
About Astrology.
OKAY, LET'S REVIEW!
From the beginning!
Su~Lp
THESE ITEMS ARE USED FOR SAVING PEOPLE FROM ALL SORTS OF DISASTERS SO, DON'T USE THEM IN AN IMPROPER WAY
"SPICA" IS A STAR THAT CAN GROW STRONGER. IF THE USER TRIES HARD ENOUGH, IT CAN BECOME AS STRONG AS THE BOYS' BEST MODEL
HEY, DON'T GET DEPRESSED.
Sigh.
OH, I SEE

.....
IT'S BEEN OVER A HALF A YEAR SINCE THEN...
IT SEEMS STRONGER THAN BEFORE, THOUGH.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
MISS GOTOU, CLASS WILL BEGIN SOON.
PLEASE RETURN TO THE ROOM.
AH, SURE.
MM?
YOUR SPICA..

WELL,...
YOU AND MISS DATE HAVE AN EXCELLENT RECORD THIS TERM
YOU GAVE IT YOUR BEST, JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU TO AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TERM
Well done!
WELL WELL, IT SEEMS YOU'VE INFLUENCED IT.
THE STAR'S BRIGHTER AND SEEMS STRONGER, TOO.
Glow
REALLY!?
Ha Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!
OF COURSE, IT'S MY STAR, AFTER ALL!

THAT OBVIOUSLY WON'T WORK!
SHOCK
I'LL DISCUSS IT WITH THE MAIN SCHOOL.
IT'S HARD TO SAY...
THE SCHOOL JUST RECENTLY LET GIRLS BECOME ASTRONOMERS AND ASTROLOGERS AFTER THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF BANNING THEM
ARE YOU GOING TO ALLOW WOMEN TO STEP UP TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL?
YOU... YOU'RE RIGHT, SEIICHI
Ahhh...
Ha.
I'M AFRAID OF THAT GIRL, THEN...
AFRAID?
THE MAIN SCHOOL WON'T CHANGE THINGS FOR ONE STUDENT'S RANTINGS.

THAT GIRL'S A FIRST YEAR.
SHE'LL HAVE TO COOPERATE.
WHOOO
CRACK
AH!
I'LL TELL HER TO BEHAVE HERSELF IN THE FUTURE, FATHER.
BDMP
BDMP
AH. THANK YOU.

SUPIKA GOTOU
SHE GETS THE BEST GRADES IN BOTH PRACTICAL AND WRITTEN EXAMS ALL THE TIME
Congratulations!
First year midterm results
HAS SHE BEEN PLOTTING REVENGE AGAINST AMANO ..?
"SPICA" IS A STAR THAT CAN GROW
IT'S RUMORED THAT SHE'S AS STRONG AS FIRST STAR BOYS, WHICH IS RARE
COULD IT BE THAT...
AND IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, SHE USES "SPICA"

EVEN IF SHE'S REALLY STRONG, SHE'S JUST A GIRL.
I'M SURE SHE'S NO MATCH FOR US
WHAT?
OH MY, SUPIKA!
flap
flap
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, SO I TOLD YOUR FOTUNE WITH ASTRONOMY ...
AND...?
flutter
flutter

IT'S SEIICHI AMANO, RIGHT? THE ITEM HE USES IS "THE SUN", ISN'T IT?
IT SAID, "THE SUN AND THE STAR WILL COLLIDE THIS EVENING."
IN THIS CASE, THE OBJECTS STAND FOR PEOPLE...
DON'T WORRY, IORI.
"THE STAR" IS YOU, AND "THE SUN" IS..

BECAUSE HIS RANK IS FIRST STAR, RIGHT?
IT'S DANGEROUS
I'M GOING TO TAKE MY REVENGE AGAINST HIM TODAY.
I'LL FINISH THINGS WITH HIM!
IT'LL BE FINE!
!
STEP

I WONDER WHERE YOUR BOASTFUL CONFIDENCE COMES FROM.
WHO?

WHOOSH
!?
AMANO! HOW COULD YOU USE SUCH A DIRTY TRICK!
IT'S A SHIELD OF LIGHT, WE CAN'T SEE OUR SURROUNDINGS
DAMN HIM AND HIS CONDESCENDING ATTITUDE! DON'T INSULT GIRLS!
AH, OKAY!
IORI! SHOW ME WHERE HE IS!

IT'S JUST A SPICA.
EH?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
AN ASTRONOMY STUDENT. SHE'LL FIND OUR POSITION...
THERE IS ALSO ....
swip
FLUTTER...
THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO BREAK THIS SHIELD OF LIGHT.
WHOO

-RST
!!
flap
CRACKLE
gasp

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
OH SHIT ...!

AMANO!
I ALMOST HURT THOSE BIRDS...
WHEW!
LAWN
WAAA
STEP
HEY!
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING!?

YOU CAN ONLY USE THOSE ITEMS AND BOOKS IN PRACTICAL CLASSES!
ASTRONOMY CAN FORETELL VARIOUS HAZARDS BY MOVING THE ASTRONOMICAL OBJECTS FROM THE BOOKS
AND ASTROLOGY ALLOWS YOU TO USE THE ASTROLOGICAL ITEMS!
THEY MUST NOT BE USED IN FIGHTS!
MISS SUPIKA GOTOU
BECAUSE YOU'VE DISREGARDED ALL MY WARNINGS, YOU'RE SUSPENDED.

FURTHER-MORE, YOU'RE DEMOTED TO THE RANK OF SIXTH STAR!
YES— I HEARD YOU.
Uh
Huh.
...
Be a little repentant ...
SLAM
I SEE YOU'VE BEEN DEMONTED TO SIXTH STAR..

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT
STALK
STALK
Hmph
GAH, AMANO! YOU WERE EAVES-DROPPING!
YOU MISSED ON PURPOSE, RIGHT?
BACK THEN... YOU PRO-TECTED THE BIRDS
WHY WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

Rokutousei Supika c01 End

Rokutousei Supika

Chapter 2

Credits

BELIAL & ANGIE

KALENDEL

KALENDEL

LELEI

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Chapter 2
"Supika and Supika"

MAN, THE TEACHER'S LATE
First Year Astrology
EVEN THOUGH THE BELL RANG WHILE AGO, HE STILL ISN'T...
HERE.
GOTOU! INSTEAD OF PLAYING AROUND WITH YOUR STAR, GO KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR THE TEACHER!
WEREN'T YOU GOING TO HELP HIM WITH THIS LESSON!?
flap
WHY DO I HAVE TO?
HUH?

YOU'RE THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, YOU GO LOOK FOR HIM!!
YOU CAN'T USE ASTROLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM!!
HM?
SLAM
SOMETHING'S GOT THE TEACHERS ALL UPSET.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN!?
CHATTER
CHATTER
SERIOUSLY? AWESOME! ♫
SECOND PERIOD IS CANCELLED!
HEY, EVERYONE!

THERE'S AN ASTROLOGY STUDENT WHO CAN USE THE "MOON"?
IF A STUDENT TOOK THE "MOON".
THEY COULD REALLY DO SOME DAMAGE WITH IT.
THE "MOON" WAS STOLEN.
IT SEEMS A SECOND YEAR ASTROLOGY STUDENT WOUNDED THE TEACHER WHO WAS THERE, AND ESCAPED
NOW ALL THE TEACHERS ARE OUT SEARCHING FOR IT BUT—

float
PRINCIP/

WE SEALED THIS A WHILE AGO.
THAT STUDENT'S ON HIS WAY, BUT...
IS THAT BOY COMING TO GET THIS STAR BACK?
CHNK
BANG

fla~
re
SFXS: BURST
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
SFX: BURST
!!
SFX: RUSH

I'M SO GLAD...
YOU'RE SAFE...
grab
LAND

FLAP
"SPICA."
QUICKLY, SEAL THE "MOON!"
IF YOU DON'T SEAL IT ...

EVEN THOUGH I CAN USE THE "MOON" ...
WILL YOU STILL ONLY CALL ME A SIXTH STAR?
THERE'S NO TIME ...
Ka
CHNK

THAT'S
Ding dong
LUNCH BREAK!! ♫
TAP TAP
TAP
I'VE GOT TO STUDY FOR MY PRACTICAL!
glow
I'LL FORCE THEM TO MAKE ME A THIRD STAR WITH A SURPRISE ATTACK!
Ha—Ha Ha Ha!
FLAP
!?

A SPICA ?
IT'S REALLY DIFFERENT FROM MINE
I wonder what this guy's like.
HEY!
YOU USE A SPICA TOO?
TAP
YEAH

WOW, YOUR SPICA...
IS REALLY PRETTY
THANKS, GOTOU...
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
IT'S BECAUSE

MY NAME IS ALSO SUPIKA
SUPIKA YAZAKI.
YOU'RE AT THE TOP OF THE RANK LISTING...
I KNOW THAT BUT...
BUT SINCE YOU'RE A GIRL, YOU CAN NEVER GET ABOVE THE RANK OF THIRD STAR
IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE

WHAT?
YEAH,
THOUGH I'M NOT EVEN ON THE RANK LISTING.
DON'T WORRY
EVEN WITH THAT RESTRICTION I'LL FIGURE OUT A WAY
BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THAT ANY BOYS HERE HAD THE SAME NAME AS ME
Guess things have changed
HOW STRANGE
A GUY WITH SUCH BAD SCORES CAN USE A SPICA..?
SUPIKA!!
CLICK
UM...
IT'S ALREADY THAT LATE?
OH?
THE BREAK IS ALMOST OVER!
YOU SHOULD EAT SOON!

WHO WERE YOU TALKING WITH?
WELL, YAZA
OH, HE'S GONE
THERE WAS A STUDENT HERE WHERE DID HE GO?
HEY!
CLA
CK
DAMN, HE'S GONE ALREADY!
AMANO
HE WAS HERE, BUT..
Carrying that strange thing
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

BEEP BEEP
WHAT A USELESS GIRL
LET'S GO, IORI...
I DON'T KNOW, I WASN'T LOOKING!!
TELL ME WHERE HE WENT!
SSEO.
HURRY UP AND ANSWER ME!!
YES
NO I'M SURE HE WAS HERE, BUT NOW...
FIND HIM BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

CAPTURE HIM IMMEDIATELY AND SEAL THE "MOON!"
IF HE DIES BECAUSE OF THIS, THE SCHOOL IS GOING TO LOSE FACE
BEEP
DID HE DO SOMETHING?
KCHNK
THERE'S NO REASON TO TELL YOU.
※...
What a cocky...

STAG
UGH
CR
SFX: FLARE
EVEN IF I'M OUT OF TIME...
I CAN'T
CRACK
OW!
SFX: SHARP PAIN
!!!

flare
flare
flare
COME BACK!
YAZAKI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LISTEN TO ME!!
SFX CRUNCH
slow
ARE YOU SICK OR SOMETHING?
YOU OKAY?

A "MOON!?"
THEN...
THAT WASN'T A SPICA WITH YOU BACK THEN?
IT MUST BE PRETTY HARD TO HANDLE. I MEAN THERE AREN'T EVEN ANY ASTROLOGY STUDENTS WHO CAN USE THE "MOON"...
OR MAYBE... THE STUDENT WHO STOLE THE "MOON"...
WAS YOU!?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT, SINCE YOU WANTED IT BADLY ENOUGH TO HURT A TEACHER?

SHOCK
WHAT!?
WHY!?
NOT JUST A TEACHER, BUT THE HEAD PRINCIPAL AS WELL
AND SINCE IT WON'T GROW MORE POWERFUL...
I HAVE TO PROVE MY POWER SOME OTHER WAY
PROVE YOUR POWER?
WOMP
BECAUSE I CAN'T LET THIS STAR FADE AWAY

IF YOU'RE KICKED OUT OF SCHOOL, THAT'S THE END OF IT. WE CAN'T PROVE OURSELVES LIKE THIS.
TO START WITH, ASTROLOGY TOOLS ARE MADE FOR DEFENSE, AND..
THERE WAS NO REASON TO DO WHAT YOU DID.
WHAT!? I'M NOT SOMEONE LIKE YOU, WHO'D INJURE A PERSON!
DIDN'T YOU DO SOMETHING SIMILAR?
SHOCK
I'LL PROVE MYSELF WITHOUT DOING THAT!
GOTOU, DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THE SAME NAME..
AND WANT THE SAME THING..

SFX: ZIST
FLARE
SFXS: RUSH
RUSH
!?
YOU'RE GOING TO USE THE "MOON"!?
WHAT!?
SFX: RUSTLE

I swear,
YOU REALLY ARE TOO TROUBLE-SOME.
SFX SST
AMANO
HE WASN'T GOING TO ATTACK ME...?

NO!!
SFX: FLAIR
KCHNK
WILL YOU GIVE ME THE "MOON"?
SFX: WHISH
I CAN'T SEAL IT FROM HERE!!
Hunter
Erk!
HE'S STILL UP FOR A FIGHT!
whoosh
SFX: WHISH

SFX: BURST
!!!
SFX: BURST
GRR!
SFX: WHOOSH
!!
BAM

SFX: SWISH
SFX: HAH
SFX: KARAM
GOTOU?
YEAH?

THAT GIRL...!!
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING... I JUST DID THAT REFLEXIVELY.
IS THAT "NO" FINAL?
RUSTLE
SFX: BAM
SFX: RUSH

YAZAKI!!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR!
Dammit!
AMANO!
SFX: FLAP
SAID THAT IF HE RESISTED, I SHOULD GO AHEAD AND DEFEAT HIM.
KCHINK
THE HEAD PRINCIPAL ...

SFX: SWISH
—!!
SST
GIVE IT...
BACK ...!

GIVE IT BACK!!
BUT THAT'S MINE!
YOU MIGHT TRY SOMETHING ELSE, SO I'LL BE TAKING THIS.
WOW
YOU'VE ALREADY GOT THE "MOON," SO IT SHOULD BE FINE!
RETURN IT TO HIM!
I DON'T THINK HE'S REALLY A BAD PERSON, BUT...
YOU SHOULD BE WORRYING ABOUT YOURSELF, AFTER GETTING MIXED UP IN THIS
THE RESULTS OF THE LAST TEST ARE IN. THE RANK LISTING BASED ON THEM IS ALSO POSTED, SO YOU CAN GO LOOK.

FIFTH STAR, HUH.
CHATTER
CHATTER
OH—
Gah!
2nd Year Astrology
I HEARD YAZUKI'S BEEN SUSPENDED.
YEAH. THANKS, IORI.
LOOK WHAT CAME OF WORKING SO HARD! YOU MOVED UP A RANK!!
HMPH. WELL, OF COURSE HE HAS
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
SUSPENDED ?
THEY EVEN WENT AND TOOK YAZAKI'S STAR
I WONDER WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN
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Chapter 3

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Chapter3
"The Zodiac Supika's Spica"

YAZAKI?
HE'S THE ONE WHO STOLE THE "MOON,"
AND INJURED THAT TEACHER AND THE HEAD PRINCIPAL, RIGHT?
SINCE THEY'D TAKEN AWAY HIS STAR, I'M NOT SURPRISED HE WENT THAT FAR.
OH, THEY'D TAKEN IT AWAY BEFORE?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
IT TURNS OUT THAT THE OTHER DAY, SINCE HE DID SO BADLY WHEN THE RANK LISTINGS WERE POSTED, SOME KIDS PICKED ON HIM, AND HE GOT INTO A FIGHT
HMM
SO HE'S THE VENGEFUL TYPE, HUH?
HE REALLY GAVE IT TO THOSE THREE GUYS, SO HIS STAR WAS CONFISCATED.
A Ha
WHAT!? THAT'S NOT...
WHY, DO YOU LIKE HIM OR SOMETHING?
WHAT BAD TASTE!
ha ha ha

SIXTH STAR!?
AND EVEN THOUGH HE'S A GUY, HE'S JUST A SIXTH STAR
HE'S REALLY GLOOMY,
HE CAN USE THE "MOON" AND A "SPICA," BUT HE'S A SIXTH STAR?
THERE'S NO ONE TO LOOK AFTER HIM?

IT SEEMS THAT BOTH OF HIS PARENTS ARE DEAD...
AND HIS RELATIVES?
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE HAS ANY...
SO HE'S LIVING ALONE, HM?
WOULDN'T THE PROBLEM BE SOLVED IF THE SCHOOL JUST KEPT A CLOSE WATCH ON HIM?
CLENCH
SINCE WE'VE ALREADY TAKEN AWAY HIS ASTROLOGY TOOLS...
SPICA

UM... IT SHOULD BE AROUND HERE...
HERE IT IS.
A TEMPLE?

HEEEY!
rattle
YOU THERE, YAZAKI?
SI
IT'S DARK.
And scary
It'd be nice if you'd come out.
EXCUSE ME FOR BARGING IN...
CREAK
LENCE
HELLO? YAZAKI ...
IT'S GOTOU...
YA...
flare——...
WHAT'S THAT!?

OH, IT'S JUST A LAMP
YAZAKI?

HEY, YAZAKI!
HEY!!
LIKE HE COULD DIE AT ANY-TIME
I ALSO HEARD HE'S PRETTY FRAIL
IT CAN'T BE..
AH
HE KILLED HIM!!
Hmm?
Wakes up.
Ah
IT'S ALL AMANO'S FAULT!!

GOTOU!?
BLINK BLINK
I THOUGHT YOU HAD DIED FROM BEING HIT IN A BAD SPOT...
Ah ha ha ha ha
OH, YOU WERE JUST SLEEPING! DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF AN ILLNESS I CAUGHT EARLIER THIS YEAR...
YEAH...
SINCE I HEARD THAT YOUR HEALTH'S PRETTY FRAIL...
SO SLEEPING HERE MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER?
I STILL DON'T FEEL SO GOOD,
BUT I DRANK SOME MEDICINE SO I'LL BE FINE

DID YOU COME HERE BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME?
I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU SO I DECIDED TO DROP BY!
WHAT!?
SO YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT ME.
GOTOU, YOU'RE JUST LIKE MY SPICA.
HE'S SUCH AN INNOCENT LITTLE GUY
?
The sparkles
BANG
ARGI!

ANYWAY, YAZAKI
WHY DID YOU STEAL THE "MOON"?
AH, UMM
I MEAN
I HEARD THAT YOU LIVE BY YOURSELF
THAT'S RIGHT
ARE YOU OKAY WITH LIVING ALONE?
I'M FINE WITH IT
SINCE THIS TEMPLE IS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...
IT'S OKAY IF I LIVE ALONE

OH,
I GET
IT.

ding dong
SUPIKA, LET'S GET GOING
SORRY IORI BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO BEFORE I GO HOME
THEN I'LL TAG ALONG
IT'S OKAY, I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE LATE
?
WOM WOM
Off Li- mits
QUICK, BEFORE SOMEONE FINDS ME.
Whoosh!
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN HAVE HER AROUND WHILE I BREAK INTO THIS PLACE
Off Li- mits
I WONDER IF I CAN EVEN GET IN— WHY IS THERE A BARRIER HERE, ANYWAY!?
SFX: BAM

ARE YOU PLANNING ON TAKING THAT STUDENT'S "STAR"?
HE WAS JUST TRYING TO REGAIN WHAT WAS HIS IN THE FIRST PLACE!
THAT DOESN'T MATTER
SOONER OR LATER HIS "STAR" IS GOING TO FADE AWAY...
WE LOOKED INTO THE FUTURE AND SAW WHAT YOU WERE ABOUT TO DO
WHAT?
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING THAT CAN HIDE FROM ASTRONOMY
LEAVE THIS AREA AT ONCE
WHO
GLANCE
CRAP!

WHEN YOU LOSE, YOU SHOULD ACT LIKE IT!!
SHIT! YOU'RE STILL PUTTING ON AIRS, EVEN AFTER I BEAT YOU!
!
SFX: POINT
WHAT!?
SFX: FLARE
SFX: BURST
WOW
Ahh!
SCRAMBLE
Of

IDIOT!
FOOLED YOU!!
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
OH NO...
SFX: BREAKING
CRU
MBLE
!?
SFX: CRACK

YAZA-KI!
OW
JUMP
CLACK
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
fla
re

UGH
GRAB
YANK
YAZAKI, DON'T!
SFXS. ZZST
CLACK CLACK
OVER THERE!
THOSE KIDS

WE DON'T HAVE TO GO AFTER THEM?
NO
SINCE HE MUST WANT TO DIE...
HE SHOULD GO AHEAD AND DIE.
SO HE TOOK THE "MOON" AGAIN AND ESCAPED?
THOUGH THIS TIME HE WAS WITH THAT FIRST YEAR GIRL...
FIRST YEAR GIRL?

SHE PROBABLY DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON
THE GIRL WHO DEFEATED SEIICHI
WON'T THE "MOON'S" POWER KEEP INCREASING?
AMANO WON'T BE ABLE TO DEFEAT IT
I'M WORRIED THAT HE COULD BE KILLED
SHINYA

I KNEW IT. YOU AREN'T OKAY WITH LIVING ALL BY YOURSELF.
IF MY SPICA'S NOT AROUND, I...

THAT'S BECAUSE ...
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU REALLY LOVE IT.
I TOTALLY UNDER-STAND
I CAN'T DO WITH-OUT IT.
DOING ALL THIS FOR A STRAN-GER...
YOU REALLY ARE A NICE GIRL, GOTOU ...
WELL, WE'VE GOT THE SAME NAME,
A Nice Girl?
HoHoHo.(BLUSH)
SO YOU DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE A STRAN-GER

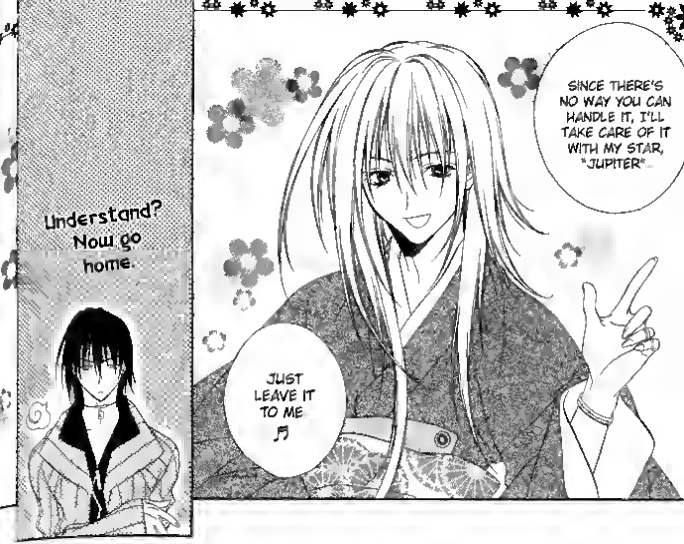
BUT STILL, WHY'D YOU GO SO FAR AS TO STEAL THE MOON"—?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
THE "MOON" IS PROOF OF MY STRENGTH.
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO PROVE IT.
ISN'T THAT SPICA PROOF ENOUGH?
IT'S BECAUSE OF MY SPICA..

CLOMP CLOMP
CL
OM
AH!
OH, SEI!!
AH, AMANO ISN'T THAT GUY THE HEAD OF THE ASTROLOGY DEPARTMENT, SHINYA TACHIBANA?
S-
Sei!?

TAP TAP TAP
SE!—!
OH, SEE!!!—!
...!!
OVER & OVER
TAP TAP TAP
SE!
I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE
It's been a while!
drip drip
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY IF YOU CALL OUT ODDLY LIKE THAT?
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH IT OR SHOULD I CALL YOU AMANO-CHI?*
It's embarrassing
That's even worse!
BONK
(With Plate-Frame Shield)
I SAID: SE!!!

*CUTE SUFFIX

WHY ARE YOU HERE ?
THE HEAD PRINCIPLE DECIDED THAT I SHOULD COME HERE AND TAKE OVER THE ASTROLOGY STUDENT CASE
Isn't that great!?


Understand? Now go home.
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME ♫
SINCE THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN HANDLE IT, I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT WITH MY STAR, "JUPITER"...

THUMP

flare
THIS ISN'T WORKING I CAN'T JUST KEEP HOLDING ONTO THIS.
IF I DON'T DO IT SOON,
IT'S SAPPING MY STRENGTH ...
MY BODY WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE IT ANYMORE ...

I'M STILL A SIXTH STAR...
BUT AFTER THIS, WILL THEY CALL ME ONE?
TAP TAP TAP
PRINCI-PAL!
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE!?

SFX FLARE
SFXS BURST
AHH!
H— HEY, WAIT A...
SFX DASH
!?
POP
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK

flare
THIS GUY
IS AN AS-TROLO-GER!
SUPIKA YAZAKI, RIGHT?
I KNOW WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS.
YOU WANT TO RISE ABOVE THE RANK OF SIXTH STAR

TINKLE
BUT I HEARD THAT, IN YOUR CASE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
EVEN IF YOU CAN USE THE "MOON".
AND SINCE THE "MOON" IS A VERY PRECIOUS THING FOR A STUDENT TO HAVE, I DON'T THINK YOU DESERVE IT
SO LET'S DO THIS
IF YOU USE THIS "MOON" AND FUFILL TWO REQUIREMENTS
I'LL RAISE YOU TO THE RANK OF THIRD STAR.
FIRST, YOU MUST DEFEAT THE ASTROLOGY STUDENT, SEIICHI AMANO.
SINCE HE'S THE STRONGEST OF THE FIRST STARS, AND YOU'RE NOT USED TO USING THE "MOON", IT WILL BE DIFFICULT.

AND SECONDLY, YOU HAVE TO MANAGE TO GET AWAY FROM MY "JUPITER".
I WONDER
IF THE LIGHT HAS GROWN DIMMER AGAIN ?

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DIDN'T HE GO AND STEAL IT AGAIN?
ISN'T THAT YAZAKI?
CRAP, YOU'RE RIGHT
HEY, THAT GUY...
THAT GUY'S PRETTY VENGEFUL. WE WERE ALL IN DANGER IN THAT FIGHT THE OTHER DAY
WHY'S HE STILL COMING TO SCHOOL?
AND THEN HE EVEN WENT AND INJURED THE HEAD PRINCIPLE

HEY, LET'S GO!
SHUD DER
AHM

YAZAKI!
SO YOU CAN STILL COME TO SCHOOL?
OH, THAT.
YEAH, I WAS DEMOTED TO A SIXTH STAR AGAIN
DON'T WORY ABOUT IT... WEREN'T YOU PUNISHED BECAUSE OF YESTERDAY?
OH? WELL, WHY...
YEAH.

BUT SINCE IT WASN'T ANYTHING HUGE, I DON'T REALLY MIND!
GODOU
YES?
YOU SHOULD FORGET ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE, AND JUST FOCUS ON BECOMING A FIRST STAR.
BECAUSE, IF YOU'RE A SIXTH STAR, YOUR SPICA WILL PROBABLY FADE AWAY AS WELL...

AMANO!!
IF YOU REMAIN A SIXTH ST, R FOR TOO LONG...
FADE AWAY
THAT'S RIGHT
SFX: WHOOSH
I'M HERE!
DOES THAT MEAN HIS—
THE LIGHT OF YOUR "STAR" WILL FADE AWAY, AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR.
SFX: BURST

WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU DOING ALL OF A SUDDEN!?
A—AMANO!
SFX: ZST
SFX: BURS
Woosh
flare

GFXS BURST
YAZAKI!
!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
SST
IF I DON'T DO THIS, I'LL ALWAYS BE A SIXTH STAR!
THE ASTRO-LOGY HEAD AND I HAVE AN AGREE-MENT, SO DON'T INTER-FERE! YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD UNDER-STAND!
IS THIS WHY YOU CAME BACK TO SCHOOL!?
WHAT?
AN AGREE-MENT!?

AMANO, THIS IS DANGEROUS!
WE SHOULD LEAVE
LEAVE!?
WHY SHOULD I LEAVE ...
!!!
SFX. RUSH
SFX. BURST

SFX: SLASH
AMANO!
URGH!!
AMANO!!
THUD
WHY...?
OW
ARE YOU OKAY!?
IF YAZAKI HAS THIS MUCH POWER, WHY IS HE A SIXTH STAR?

ONE DOWN...
OH...
SO YOU REALLY WERE DEFEATED?
I GUESS YOU DIDN'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHANCE.
DASH
EH!? WHERE'RE YOU GOING, YAZAKI!?

I'M THE HEAD OF THE ASTROLOGY DEPARTMENT! AS A STUDENT, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST REMEMBER MY FACE!
OH... THAT'S RIGHT, HEHE
UMMM... WITH ALL THAT LONG HAIR, IT'S HARD TO TELL IF A SLENDER PERSON LIKE YOU IS REALLY A GUY OR A GIRL.
Who're you?
...
THE STUDENT IS RUNNING TO THE EAST
rustle
HE'S STILL ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO RUN FAR ENOUGH.
HEY, WAIT A SE-COND!

BUT I WONDER IF HE'S OKAY... HE SHOULD HAVE REACHED HIS LIMIT BY NOW
SINCE THE "MOON" IS SO POWERFUL, IT CONSUMES A GREAT DEAL OF PHYSICAL STRENGTH
FLARE
THAT IS, IF HE COULD DEFEAT SEI HERE, A FIRST STAR, AND ESCAPE FROM MY "JUPITER".
AND SINCE THAT BOY'S BODY IS SO WEAK, IF HE KEEPS THIS UP, HE COULD DIE.
YOU'RE GOING AFTER HIM NEXT!?
DO YOU WANT TO KILL HIM!?
NOT AT ALL
THE TWO OF US HAVE AN AGREEMENT
IF HE CAN USE THE "MOON" AND PROVE HIS STRENGTH I'LL PROMOTE HIM TO THIRD STAR

YAZAKI
...
WHAT THE HELL IS HE THINKING!?
AH!
GIMMIE THIS!
SNAP
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS OKAY?
LETTING SOMEONE DIE LIKE THIS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS?

MAYBE I SHOULD PROMOTE HIM AFTER HE DIES?
WHATEVER HAPPENS, IT WON'T BE CONNECTED TO ME...
clack
SPICA
FLAP
I DON'T THINK ...
I CAN GO ON ANY LONGER
I'M SORRY BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
SINCE I WON'T EVER LET YOU FADE AWAY.

YAZAKI!
THUD
!!
ZZZST
SSSSST
FLARE

SFX: SSST
BLINK
...!!!
Thank god!
MAN, YOU REALLY ARE A TROUBLE-SOME GUY!
I-really thought you were dead this time..
Ph
ew!
COLLAPSE
GOTOU
WHY'D YOU ACCEPT THOSE CRAZY CON-DITIONS?
IS THAT HOW YOU USUALLY GET PROMOTED?
NO.

SINCE A WEAK BODY LIKE MINE ISN'T SUITED FOR ASTROLOGY
WHEN I CAN'T CONTROL THE ASTROLOGY TOOLS, THINGS GET OUT OF HAND, AND THE SCHOOL LECTURES ME, BUT...
BUT IT'S OKAY IF I CAN'T BECOME AN ASTROLOGER
JUST AS LONG AS MY SPICA DOESN'T FADE AWAY...
WHEN A PERSON'S CORNERED, IT'S LIKE THEY GET STRONGER, AND ALL YOU CAN DO IS MAKE SURE EVERYONE KNOWS HOW STRONG YOU'VE BECOME
SO THIS IS THE ONLY THING I CAN DO.

GRRR
YOU'LL DIE!
DIDN'T YOU SEE THAT TRANSVESTITE!? DON'T ACT SO STUBBORN, DAMMIT!
HE'LL KILL YOU!!
Memory
SFX: GARGH
THE HELL!?
SWISH
!?
WOMP
THAT'S SO DAMN MESSED UP!!

JUPITER HAS A WORKING RANGE OF ONE KILOMETER...
That thing floating there!
WHAT'S THAT!?
B-BMP
IT'S JUPITER!
IT'S THE STAR THAT GUY USES...
JUPITER?
I CAN'T ESCAPE IT!
IT'S LIKE A PHONE... HE'S GOT THE MAIN PHONE WITH HIM, AND THIS IS LIKE A SECOND HEADSET.
WHEN HE USES THE MAIN PHONE THERE, THIS HEADSET MIMICS IT.
A Phone?

I HAVE TO BREAK IT WITH THE "MOON"!
WHAT!? YOU IDIOT, YOU'RE HALFWAY DEAD AND YOU WANT IT BACK!?
HURRY, GIVE IT BACK!
IF YOU USE THE "MOON" AGAIN, YOU'LL REALLY DIE!
I DON'T WANT MY SPICA TO FADE AWAY!
PLEASE!!
SINCE THERE'S A LITTLE TIME BEFORE THE JUPITER HERE WILL BE ACTIVE, I CAN...
TURN
GOTOU!?

I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT FOR YOU!
JUST WAIT RIGHT HERE!
THAT GIRL'S COMING.

ZST
ZST
ZST
SFXS. ZST
SFX. TURN
BA
NG
!

SFX SLAM
SFX SNAP
AH...!

crumble
LAND
IT...
IT BROKE!!
IT DISAP-PEARED
Gyaha-haha! It's really broken, isn't it!!!
serves you right—♫
CLAP CLAP
FRO-ZEN
In Pain
what a peice of junk!! Idiots!!

RETREAT
WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
"WHAT'RE YOU DOING..."
SNORT
MY JUPITER...
Shield
DON'T
LISTEN TO YOURSELF!!
FOR STARTERS, HAVE YOU COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN WHAT ASTROLOGY TOOLS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE USED FOR!?
YOU PUT YAZAKI IN ALL THAT DANGER ON A FRIKKIN WHIM!!

THE THINGS YOU SAY AND DO DON'T MATCH AT ALL!
Roar
Ah
SFX GRAB
YAZAKI'S STAR IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM!!
RANTING.
S.
PAUSE
must
He
GOTOU!
AREN'T YOU GUYS ALWAYS SAYING THAT YOU HAVE TO HELP PEOPLE WITH ASTROLOGY!?
YAZAKI, YOU'RE SAFE!
GAH.
RAW!
SQUICK
I'M FINE, BUT THAT GUY LOOKS DEAD.

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
HMM
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
EX: DECISIVE
Demon
Say you'll raise him to a third starrrr... rargh...
Don't just stand there!
AS PROMISED,
I'LL PROMOTE YOU TO A THIRD STAR, YAZAKI

HUG
HEY, YAZAKI!
YES?
YES!
THAT IDIOTIC ASTROLOGY HEAD IS THE ONE I LECTURED
BUT IT WAS ALSO STUPID OF YOU TO JUST GO ALONG WITH WHAT HE SAID WITHOUT EVEN THINKING IT THROUGH
YOU KNOW YOU ALMOST DIED, RIGHT?
NOW YOU WON'T DIS-APPEAR!!
YEAH!
SORRY!!
...
I wonder if this kid really gets it.
Oh well.

SUPIKA
HE'S CALLING FOR YOU AGAIN.
I WONDER IF I CAN FIX IT WITH SOME WOOD GLUE.
YOU CAN'T FIX IT
Wood Glue
Comforting daydream.
OH, IORI.
I WONDER WHAT'S UP THIS TIME
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE YOU BROKE THE ASTROLOGY HEAD'S STAR!
SIGH.
YOU'RE GOING TO WIND UP EXPELLED INSTEAD OF BECOMING A FIRST STAR.
Report
GO-TOU... OH, GO-TOU ...
I'D FOR-GOT-TEN.

THE HEAD PRINCIPLE DECIDED YOUR PUNISHMENT THIS TIME OVER WINTER BREAK, JUST YOU AND YAZAKI WILL HAVE LOTS OF EXTRA HOMEWORK
Ha Ha Ha
This is the second time this has happened now. If anyone outside of the school gets wind of it, I'll arrange for some dangerous things to happen.
Ha Ha
AND YOU HAVE TO WRITE TEN COPIES OF A 400 WORD PAPER REFLECTING ON YOUR ACTIONS FOR ME

GOTOU
What!
NOW WAIT A MINUTE—!
IF YOU DON'T TURN THEM IN, YOU'LL BE EXPELLED
CLACK
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? EVERYTHING'S FINE, YOU WERE PROMOTED
THANKS, GOTOU...
IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO BECOME A FIRST STAR.
YOU WENT THROUGH ALL THAT FOR ME...

clackclack clack
Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho
Oh Ho Ho
Oh, you think so!?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
clack clack
Wha- WHAT !!?
Father↓ BALD
Just you wait, you rooster! Even though you're starting to go bald, you're still strutting around!!
Don't get into another fight, Gotou
OH...

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Kaede

MUSS
MUSS
AHHH... I CAN'T DO IT...
CAN'T DO WHAT?
!?
CAN'T YOU TELL FOR YOURSELF?
ARE YOU A PRIEST AT THIS TEMPLE?

...
I...
I DON'T SEEM SUITED FOR MY CURRENT JOB
HA HA HA HA HA!
PAT PAT PAT
H-HOT!!
SO QUIT THEN
TONK
Why you!
What was that for!?
!!!
HMPH, FORGET IT
hmph

EXCUSE ME, BUT COULD I POSSIBLY STAY AT THIS TEMPLE FOR A WHILE?
RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOT THIS JOB THAT I HAVE TO DO
THE JOB IS PRETTY TIME-CONSUMING, AND MY WORKPLACE IS NEAR HERE
Eh? Who'd have thought he'd just agree?
THAT'S FINE
BUT YOU CAN ONLY STAY UNTIL THE ABBOT RETURNS.

HEY
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
DIDN'T I SAY IT WAS KAWA-MURA?
DID YOU?
HEY KAWA-MURA
YOU'RE A SPY, AREN'T YOU?
EH? HOW DID YOU KNOW!?
I HEARD FROM THE ABBOT THAT SPIES COME TO STAY HERE FROM TIME TO TIME
SINCE A LOT OF OFFICIALS LIVE AROUND THIS AREA ...
.....

IT'S BETTER TO JUST KILL THOSE DAMNED OLD FOOLS THAT THE GOVERNMENT CALLS BUREAUCRATS, DON'T YOU THINK?
THE JOB YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER IS ASSASSINATING ONE OF THEM, ISN'T IT?
ARE YOU AN IDIOT? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
SINCE I CAN'T LIVE UP TO EXPECTATIONS LIKE THOSE
WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE PEOPLE ...
IT DOESN'T MATTER ...
BUT I'LL TELL YOU STRAIGHT OUT: I CAN'T HELP YOU.

spaced out
IT'S NO USE WAITING
WHAT'S IN THIS BOX—
?
It's all tied up with rope!

....
IT BLENDS IN TOO EASILY
AH—!!
SSST
SSS
Che!
IT GAVE ME A SHOCK

GRAB
DON'T YOU KNOW OF THE GIFT BESTOWED UPON PRIESTS!?
KUSANO!
YOU ACTUALLY SET A MAPLE LEAF ON FIRE!
YOU'LL BE PUNISHED BY HEAVEN FOR THAT!
"STAR FRAGMENTS" FROM THE HEAVENS LAND ON A LUCKY PRIEST...
GRANT THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM!

JUST HOLDING THEM IS ENOUGH TO BRING YOU LUCK
WE CALL THEM MAPLE LEAVES BECAUSE THEY LOOK LIKE STAR FRAGMENTS!
DON'T BURN SUCH DIVINE THINGS!
THAT'S WHY I SAID IT CAN'T BE ME
YEAH, THAT'S WHY I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE.
ALTHOUGH YOU LOOK LIKE AN UNLUCKY, UNCOUTH FELLA, A STAR MIGHT DESCEND UPON YOU OUT OF PITY!
DO YOU...
REALLY HOPE THAT ONE WOULD LAND ON ME?
Geez, I'm sooo sorry for being unlucky.
RIDIC-U-LOUS
I'VE ALWAYS KNOW IT, BUT YOU GET ALL THE DIRTY JOBS WHEN YOU'RE A LOW RANK
THIS JOB... I REALLY DON'T WANT TO KILL ANYONE.

KUSANO, WHY ARE YOU SO BITTER?
IT DOESN'T SEEM PRIEST-LIKE AT ALL
IF A STAR FELL IT WOULDN'T MATTER IF I DID THE JOB OR NOT...
hmph
HOW COULD ANY OF THAT HAPPEN?
Daydreamer
WHOA...
IMPERIAL MUSICIAN? WHAT'S THAT?
THEY'RE THE MUSICIANS WHO ONLY PERFORM AT THE VARIOUS CEREMONIES IN THE PALACE.
REALLY?
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE I USED TO BE AN IMPERIAL MUSICIAN

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YOU REALLY DON'T LOOK LIKE A SPY EITHER.
DOES THIS MEAN I HAVE TO ACT NOW ?

....
CLENCH
PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN CAUGHT BECAUSE OF THIS
ONCE YOU'RE CAUGHT, IT'S ALL OVER
SINCE YOU KEEP HESITATING,

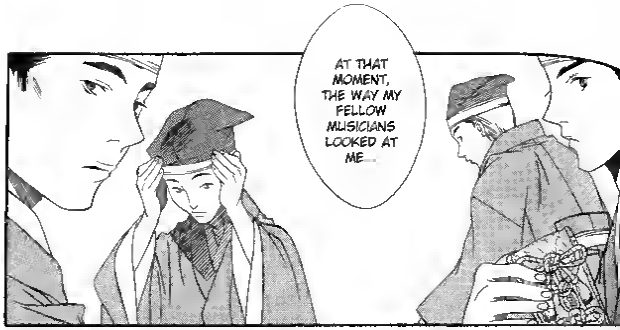
LET ME DO IT FOR YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? IT'S DANGEROUS!
GIVE IT TO ME!
SFX: GRAB
WHA—!
EH!?
I'VE ALREADY GIVEN UP ON EVERYTHING, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENS!

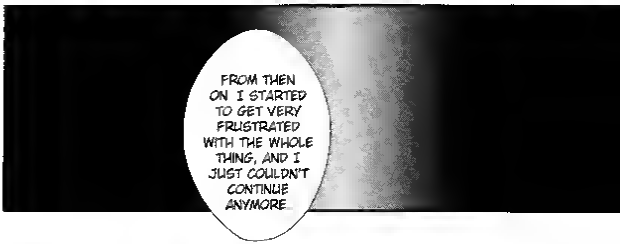
WH
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
H— HEY, KUSANO!
DASH
Huh
Huh?
KUSANO!
WHAT CAN A CIVILIAN LIKE YOU DO?
GIVE ME THE DAGGER BACK.

Oh no, this fella here is just drunk!
Grab
HEY, YOU TWO
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU LOOK SUSPICIOUS!
↑ Police.
COME ON, LET'S GO HOME NOW!
...
What...
ZUNR
UNRU
ZUNRUND
HOW COME YOU LIVE IN SUCH A RICH NEIGHBORHOOD!?

HEY...
WHY DID YOU DO THAT?
HUH?
BECAUSE I'M NOT SUITED FOR THIS...
I'M NOT SUITED FOR THIS COMMUNAL LIFE.
IT'S JUST THAT THAT PLACE WASN'T RIGHT FOR ME

ALL THE THINGS THE OTHER MUSICIANS DID
WOULD MAKE ME VERY ANGRY
ONCE
DURING A CELEBRATION AT THE PALACE, MY HAND WAS INJURED
I WAS THE LEAD MUSICIAN,
BUT IT WAS DUE TO MY OWN CARELESS-NESS


AT THAT MOMENT, THE WAY MY FELLOW MUSICIANS LOOKED AT ME...


FROM THEN ON I STARTED TO GET VERY FRUSTRATED WITH THE WHOLE THING, AND I JUST COULDN'T CONTINUE ANYMORE.

WHAT? ISN'T THAT JUST A SEVERE CASE OF SELF-DELUSION?
IT WAS SOMETHING THAT TRIVIAL...
SO WHAT IF IT WAS TRIVIAL?
ANYWAY, THAT WAS THE CAUSE OF EVERYTHING.
Hmm...
So it was really like that?

I'M NOT TOO GOOD AT BEING AROUND OTHERS EITHER.
I GUESS WE'RE THE SAME
BUT WHEN A MUSICIAN RESIGNS, HE CAN'T GO BACK TO HIS FAMILY
THAT'S WHY I LEFT
SINCE I LOST MY JOB AND HOME, I WANDERED AROUND UNTIL I MET THE ABBOT.
THAT'S ONE OF THE PLUSES OF BEING A SPY.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE IN IN ORGANIZATION, YOU WORK INDEPENDENTLY MOST OF THE TIME.
EH? THE SAME?
I BEGGED HIM TO LET ME STAY. BUT IN RETURN I HAD TO BECOME A PRIEST
REALLY, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, YOU'LL NEVER GET EVERYTHING YOU WANT!
BUT THE RISKS ARE VERY GREAT.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU HAVE TO RELY ON YOURSELF

I REALLY DON'T LIKE THIS JOB..
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
DON'T LUMP ME TOGETHER WITH YOU!
ODD...
WHAT'S THIS?
AH!
EH?
HOW DID YOU GET THAT!?
UM, I PICKED IT UP THE OTHER DAY, AND HAVE BEEN CARRYING IT AROUND WITH ME...
GRAB
EHE
CHICK

!
THAT'S A SHINTO FLUTE, ISN'T IT?
SEE, YOU SAID YOU'D ALREADY GIVEN EVERYTHING UP, BUT IN THE END, YOU STILL HAVEN'T LET GO!

SHUT UP! DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO!
YOU'RE NOT VERY HONEST.
IT'S SINCE YOU'RE REPRESSING YOUR DESIRES THAT YOU CAN'T BE TRULY HAPPY.
HMPH, I FORGOT ABOUT IT LONG AGO!
YOU'RE LYING AGAIN....

THANK!!!
Ka
Ku
THU—D
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU IDIOT!
PU—LL
AH!
come on, smile, smile!

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT? IT'S CREEPY
stare
HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO WAIT? IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS ALREADY
THERE AREN'T ANY STARS FALLING

IDIOT!
He's too much!

AH, RIGHT!
KUSANO, WHY DON'T YOU PLAY YOUR FLUTE? WHO KNOWS, IT MIGHT FALL IF YOU'RE HAPPY!
FORGET IT. WHO WOULD WANT TO PLAY FOR YOU?
THE HECK? DON'T YOU WANT TO BE HAPPY?

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re

YOUR SO-CALLED "HAPPINESS" WILL NEVER COME!
SO STOP IRRITATING ME!
CHE, A GUY WITH-OUT DREAMS...
YOU JUST WANT TO AVOID YOUR JOB, DON'T YOU?
KUS
HE
CECK
CECK
...!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
POP
CHECK
THAT BUREAUCRAT'S HOUSE WE WERE AT BEFORE
EH? WHY?
IT SEEMS THAT STINKING ABBOT MENTIONED THAT I USED TO BE A MUSICIAN,
SO THAT GUY WANTS TO HEAR ME PLAY
SOME PEOPLE JUST HAVE TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS...
THOUGH I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA, I HAVE TO GO OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE ABBOT.
RYUTO

OH... SO YOU'RE THE FORMER MUSICIAN.
YOU'RE STILL QUITE YOUNG.
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT YOU WERE A PRIEST?
OH WELL, I GUESS THAT'S THE YOUNG FOR YOU!!
Ha Ha
Ha Ha Ha
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
Grr...
IS THERE REALLY NO USE IN WAITING ANY MORE...?
....?

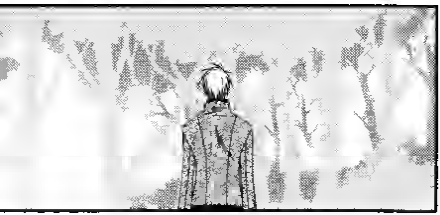
KAWAMURA?
CHINK
SLIDE

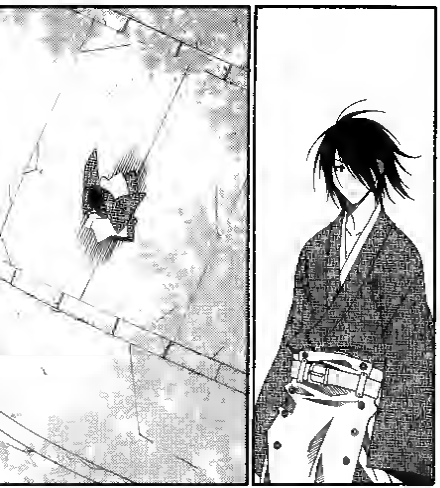
sigh
CLICK
CLACK
LET'S HURRY UP AND GET BACK
!?

click
?
RU
JH

YOU'RE STRANGE
HAHA
I STILL COULDN'T DO IT IN THE END

HE DIDN'T SEE YOUR FACE, DID HE?
NOPE.
DO YOU WANT TO KEEP DOING THIS?
AH, ANYWAY, ER...
WAS THAT THE FLUTE?
HUH?
I HEARD IT
IT WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MUSIC...
REALLY?





THE STAR FRAGMENTS

WON'T FALL

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I SAID I'M LEAVING THE ORGANI-ZATION
SO I'M OUT OF A JOB NOW
IF YOU WANT MY LIFE OR ANYTHING, JUST HURRY ON UP IT'S FINE BY ME!

HE'S ALREADY LEFT ?

ARE YOU LEAVING THE TEMPLE?
KAWAMURA
KUSANO!
REALLY? I'M PLANNING ON TRAVELING AROUND FOR A WHILE.
HOW ABOUT YOU?
YEAH

EVEN IN THE END, THEY STILL DIDN'T FALL...
THE STAR FRAGMENTS.
I'VE DECIDED TO BECOME A MUSICIAN AGAIN

★Kaede★End

Postscript (Reflections)

This is my first comic, hohoho. After causing a lot of trouble for a lot of people, I finally completed it. I'm really sorry about it, really very sorry, really sorry. Although I also wanted to churn out much better works, because of my stupidity and tardiness, I was unable to. Well, uh... Right. I think some might ask who this guy (the one on the right) is, so I'll tell you all in advance. This is Asami Seiichi, 18. Asami and Kusano really look very to similar. Ah, even the name sounds alike, though I just noticed that. It seems like I've started to write a disclaimer, so I'll just exit gracefully here.

The End.